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1. FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF EDITORIAL IN LE MONDE
DATED DECEMBER 14 ENTITLED "CALL TO ORDER."

BEGIN TEXT

THE EFFORT PUT FORWARD BY MR. KISSINGER IN THE SPEECH HE GAVE
WEDNESDAY IS PRAISEWORTHY. NOT IN SEVERAL YEARS, EVEN LAST APRIL,
WHEN THE FUTURE SECRETARY OF STATE LAUNCHED HIS PROJECT FOR AN
"ATLANTIC CHARTER", HAD A RESPONSIBLE AMERICAN OFFICIAL DEFINED
WITH SO MUCH CLARITY THE PROBLEMS POSED FOR HIS COUNTRY BY
EUROPEAN UNIFICATION AND THE CONCEPTION DERIVED FROM IT. HOWEVER,
BRUTALITY WAS ADDED TO FRANKNESS, SINCE THESE "COUNSELS", GIVEN
ON THE EVE OF THE MEETING IN COPENHAGEN, STRONGLY RESSEMBLE
A FINAL ATTEMPT AT INTERFERENCE IN THE DECISIONS WHICH THE NINE
WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE.

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MR. KISSINGER MOREOVER MAKES NO SECRET OF IT. IN "WELCOMING" THE UNIFICATION OF WESTERN EUROPE, THE UNITED STATES WOULD ALLOW THE MEMBER COUNTRIES TO TAKE DECISIONS WITHOUT INFORMING THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT IN ADVANCE ABOUT THEIR PLANS AND OBTAINING ITS OPINION. FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE, THE POLICY OF "FAITS ACCOMPLIS", WHICH HAS TENDED TO BE ESTABLISHED RECENTLY, RUNS COUNTER TO THE TIES OF SOLIDARITY WOVEN OVER THE CENTURIES BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE -- A SOLIDARITY WHICH EXPRESSES AT THE SAME TIME THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE AND THE FACT OF BELONGING TO A DEVELOPED, WESTERN WORLD WITH COMMON INTERESTS.

TO BE SURE, THE SECRETARY OF STATE IS RIGHT TO A LARGE EXTENT, AND NOT ONLY FROM HIS VIEWPOINT. NO WEST EUROPEAN GOVERNMENT SERIOUSLY CONTEMPLATES CALLING INTO QUESTION THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE, AND THE NEED FOR SOLIDARITY AMONG WESTERN ECONOMIES FACED WITH THE ENERGY CRISIS IS ALSO EVIDENT. IT IS ALSO TRUE THAT THE MECHANISMS ESTABLISHED TO PROMOTE CONSULTATION AMONG THE ALLIES HAVE TAKEN ON, WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, A "FORMALIST" AND UNWIELDY NATURE, WHICH INJURES THE SPIRIT IN WHICH THE DIALOGUES WAS CONDUCTED NOT TOO LONG AGO. AT THE SAME TIME, THE FORMATION OF A EUROPEAN ENTITY DOES NOT MAKE SENSE IF IT DOES NOT LEAD TO AN EFFORT OF IDENTIFICATION -- OF AFFIRMATION IN RELATION TO THE EXTERNAL WORLD IN GENERAL AND TO THE PROTECTING POWER IN PARTICULAR. NO FEDERATION, TO BEGIN WITH THAT OF THE UNITED STATES, HAS BEEN BORN IN ANY OTHER WAY. AND ONE CAN HARDLY SEE HOW A RETURN TO BI-LATERAL AND MULTI-LATERAL CONSULTATIONS OF THE PAST WOULD FAIL TO PUT A DISASTEROUS BREAK ON THE POLITICAL UNIFICATION TAKING PLACE WITHIN THE COMMUNITY. MOREOVER, TO TAKE BUT TWO EXAMPLES, DID MR. NIXON AND MR. KISSINGER CONSULT THE EUROPEANS BEFORE TAKING THEIR ECONOMIC DECISIONS OF AUGUST, 1971, OR THE MILITARY MEASURES OF LAST OCTOBER 25?

MR. KISSINGER'S PROPOSAL TO FORM AN ACTION GROUP ON ENERGY IS ALSO A STONE IN THE EUROPEAN PUDDLE, OR AT LEAST, IN THE PLANS WHICH THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT IS FOLLOWING, AND NOT WITHOUT SUCCESS. WHILE MR. JOBERT, IN TAKING UP A SUGGESTION MADE TO HIM IN THE PAST BY VARIOUS ARAB COUNTRIES, IS TRYING TO ORGANIZE A CONFERENCE AMONG THE COUNTRIES OF EUROPE AND THE MIDDLE EAST, MR. KISSINGER IS LAUNCHING THE IDEA OF A MUCH LARGER GROUPING TO WHICH HE ALSO ASSIGNS A BROADER PLAN. THIS "GROUP" WOULD BE COMPOSED AT

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FIRST OF THE LARGE OIL CONSUMING COUNTRIES -- THE UNITED STATES, WESTERN EUROPE, JAPAN -- AND WOULD DISCUSS ALL PROBLEMS RELATIVE TO ENERGY CONSUMPTION, INCLUDING URANIUM ENRICHMENT, WHICH COULD WELL BE DIRECTED AGAINST EURODIF.

THE PRODUCER COUNTRIES WOULD BE ASSOCIATED WITH ITS WORK TO DISCUSS QUESTIONS OF COMMON INTEREST BUT WOULD BE KEPT IN THE BACKGROUND. FRANCE, FOR ITS PART, PROPOSES A MORE REGIONAL JOINT MEETING

WHICH APPARENTLY IS MORE ACCEPTABLE TO THE PRODUCERS, SINCE IT
WOULD DEAL EXCLUSIVELY WITH THEIR COOPERATION WITH THE CONSUMERS.
IT WILL NO DOUBT BE DIFFICULT TO PURSUE THESE TWO PROPOSALS TOGETHER.
END TEXT.IRWIN

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